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1. TODAY'S HAARETZ REPORTS THAT FORMER WEST GERMAN
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CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT, WHO WILL BE A FEATURED SPEAKER
AT THE LABOR PARTY CONVENTION'S OPENING NIGHT ON
FEBRUARY 22 IN HIS CAPACITY OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, MET WITH THE AMBASSADORS
OF EGYPT, JORDAN AND SAUDIA ARABIA IN BONN. THE
AMBASSADORS REPORTEDLY TOLD BRANDT OF THE NEED FOR
PLO REPRESENTATION AT A RECONVENED GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. DESPITE SOME INDICATION OF POSSIBLE LAST MINUTE
CHANGE OF PLANS, ISRAEL GAT, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR PARTY, HAS AGAIN CONFIRMED
THAT THE FOLLOWING
FOREIGN GUESTS, IN ADDITION TO BRANDT, WILL ATTEND
THE CONVENTION: AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY; DUTCH
PREMIER DEN UYL; FORMER SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLAF
PALME; FORMER FINNISH PRIME MINISTER KALEVI SORSA;
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF PORTUGAL'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ZENIA;
FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MITTERAND; AND
BRITAIN'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT PETER
SHORE. IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER DANISH PREMIER
JORGENSEN WILL ATTEND AND THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE
TO AN INVITATION SENT TO SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE
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3. COMMENT: THE ATTENDANCE OF SUCH LUMINARIES WOULD
BE AN UNPRECEDENTED DISPLAY OF FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY
WITH ISRAEL'S LABOR PARTY AND PROVIDE IT WITH A
NEEDED BOOST FOR ITS UP-HILL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. MORE
GENERALLY, THIS GESTURE SHOULD ALSO BE A MORALE-BOOSTER
FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND HELP EASE
ITS FEELING OF ISOLATION.
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